



Garden State Pathways **Admissions Criteria**

Due to the academic rigor and demands of the Garden State Pathways Program, the following is a summary of the criteria used to determine the acceptance into the program:

- Must have a significant cognitive and /or developmental disability that interferes with their academic performance according to the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD). The applicant must have been (or is presently) eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Must be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the semester.
- The individual is able to grasp basic reading, writing, and computational tasks.
- The individual is able to learn to read simple employee handbooks, interpret a payroll stub, and complete a basic job application.
- The individual can paraphrase written narratives containing multisyllabic words within all types of sentence structure; can compose a paragraph using combinations of all major sentence types.
- The individual must be able to interpret actions required in specific written directions and write instructions to others
- The applicant must demonstrate the ability to accept responsibility for his/her actions and maintain respect for him/her and others and have no history of disruptive or challenging behaviors.
- The individual is able to navigate the college campus independently.
- The individual is able to follow a class schedule independently.
- The individual is able to follow simple multi-step directions.
- Must be able to participate in work experience.

Questions, applications and recommendations should be directed to:

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Garden State Pathways: **Materials Needed to Apply**

- Student Application
- Student Questionnaire to be completed by the applicant
- Personal Support Questionnaire
- Official High School Transcript
- A record from a local educational agency reflecting that the applicant is or was eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). (Individualized Education Plan)
- Educational Evaluations submitted for review must be conducted within the past three years.
 - Evaluations may include
 - Psychological/Behavioral Evaluation
 - Learning Evaluation
 - Social History
 - Speech and Language Evaluation
 - Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Evaluations
- On line Camden County College application submitted (Program ID is **ISP.AS**)
- FAFSA form completed. (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>)
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who have known the applicant for at least one year. One recommendation **must** be from a Child Study Team member. Recommendation forms are included in this packet. Recommendation Release and Questionnaire
- **Note:** Camden County College reserves the right to exercise sole judgment regarding admission into the Garden State Pathways program.
 - Participants who successfully complete the program will receive a Certificate of Post-Secondary Studies.